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To amend section 121.31 of the Revised Code to add
four members of the General Assembly to the
Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 121.31 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 121.31. There is hereby created the commission on
Hispanic-Latino affairs consisting of eleven voting members
appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the
senate, and four nonvoting members who are members of the
general assembly. The speaker of the house of representatives
shall recommend to the governor two persons for appointment to
the commission, the president of the senate shall recommend to
the governor two such persons, and the minority leaders of the
house and senate shall each recommend to the governor one such
person. The governor shall make initial appointments to the
commission. Of the initial appointments made to the commission,
three shall be for a term ending October 7, 1978, four shall be
for a term ending October 7, 1979, and four shall be for a term
ending October 7, 1980. Two nonvoting members of the commission
shall be members of the house of representatives appointed by
the speaker of the house of representatives, and two nonvoting

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members of the commission shall be members of the senate 22
appointed by the president of the senate. The speaker of the 23
house of representatives shall appoint one member of the house 24
of representatives from among the representatives who are 25
affiliated with the political party having a majority in the 26
house of representatives and one member of the house of 27
representatives from among the representatives who are 28
affiliated with the political party having a minority in the 29
house of representatives. The president of the senate shall 30
appoint one member of the senate from among the senators who are 31
affiliated with the political party having a majority in the 32
senate and one member of the senate from among the senators who 33
are affiliated with the political party having a minority in the 34
senate. The speaker of the house of representatives and the 35
president of the senate shall consider recommendations from the 36
commission in making their appointments under this section. 37

After the initial appointments by the governor, terms of 38
office shall be for three years, except that members of the 39
general assembly appointed to the commission shall be members of 40
the commission only so long as they are members of the general 41
assembly. Each term shall end on the same day of the same month 42
of the year as did the term which it succeeds. Each member shall 43
hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the 44
term for which the member was appointed. Vacancies shall be 45
filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Any 46
member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the 47
expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was 48
appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. Any 49
member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration 50
date of the member's term until the member's successor takes 51
office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever 52

occurs first. At the first organizational meeting of the 53
commission, the original eleven members shall draw lots to 54
determine the length of the term each member shall serve. 55

All voting members of the commission shall speak Spanish, 56
shall be of Spanish-speaking origin, and shall be American 57
citizens or lawful, permanent, resident aliens. ~~Members~~ Voting 58
members shall be from urban, suburban, and rural geographical 59
areas representative of Spanish-speaking people with a numerical 60
and geographical balance of the Spanish-speaking population 61
throughout the state. 62

The commission shall meet not less than six times per 63
calendar year. The commission shall elect a chairperson, vice- 64
chairperson, and other officers from its voting members as it 65
considers advisable. Six voting members constitute a quorum. The 66
commission shall adopt rules governing its procedures. No action 67
of the commission is valid without the concurrence of six voting 68
members. 69

Each voting member shall be compensated for work as a 70
member for each day that the member is actually engaged in the 71
performance of work as a member. No member shall be compensated 72
for more than one day each month. In addition, each voting 73
member shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses 74
incurred in the performance of official business. 75

Section 2. That existing section 121.31 of the Revised 76
Code is hereby repealed. 77